

Leader Connect

Placement opportunity with QUT

A placement with the [Queensland University of Technology \(QUT\) Chair in Digital Economy](#) is available for person with an interest in the impact of business, technology and social trends on the way public sector institutions operate.

The QUT Chair in Digital Economy is a world-leading collaboration between industry, academia and all levels of government that helps organisations build confidence and capability, inspire cultures of innovation, and discover new value to thrive in the digital economy. Founded in 2015 by QUT in partnership with Queensland Government, Brisbane Marketing, and PwC, the Chair in Digital Economy is led by global leader, Professor Marek Kowalkiewicz, a former Silicon Valley SAP Research Senior Director of Innovation. We address wicked economic and government policy issues through a unique process of integrating rigorous research with design to provide rapid, unbiased, and visionary solutions. Collaborating with industry and government, and merging research with innovation design is the core of our strength.

Target:	A07 to Executive (or equivalent) or Leadership competencies Team Leader to Executive
Duration:	6 months approximately, start and finish dates are negotiable
Working arrangements:	full-time or part-time
Location:	QUT, Gardens Point campus, 2 George Street, Brisbane

Alignment to Advancing Queensland's Priorities

As part of the [Our Future State - Advancing Queensland's Priorities](#), the Queensland Government is taking action to ensure that Queenslanders feel like it is easy to do business with their government.

You will be working on a project in the Chair in Digital Economy (CDE) to:

- understand the impact of business, technology and social trends on a particular area of public service delivery (either in line with an ongoing research project or in the area of your choice);
- through techniques such as futures thinking, scenario planning, and design thinking, (which you will learn if necessary), develop possible scenarios for the future;
- develop recommendations on areas of focus for public institutions based on your findings; and
- prepare a high-quality report documenting the lessons for future policy development.

The specific duties of the placement will be tailored to suit the needs of the successful candidate and align with QUT CDE's operational business needs.

What we are looking for

The ideal candidate will be a public sector employee interested in reimagining the way government institutions work to ensure they remain relevant and agile and capable of proactively responding to digital economy trends. Passion is more important than seniority, experience can be substituted by access to domain experts. We look for people who do not mind working in a highly agile and unstructured environment, exploring [bleeding edge](#) topics where "we don't know yet" is often an answer. We look for people who like to question the unquestionable.

Background

The candidate will be involved in an innovation sprint run by QUT CDE at the Garden's Point campus. Innovation sprints are six-week programs, scheduled in three blocks, involves a highly iterative, 'co-designed' process to rapidly explore opportunities while delivering actionable recommendations as a proof-of-concept, offering deep stakeholder engagement and employee education.

Past innovation sprints with Queensland Government have addressed topics such as youth homelessness, starting a business in Queensland, citizen first responders, measuring the digital economy in Queensland, grants and assistance and digital strategies for government departments.

Additional information

- To be eligible for this placement you must be an ongoing Queensland Government employee.
- Candidates should liaise with their supervisor about the benefits and implications of your release, and seek prior approval to participate in a placement.
- Your home agency will continue to cover your salary, and existing employment conditions will apply.
- Successful candidates will be assigned a Public Service Commission (PSC) case manager who will organise your placement and the terms of the placement with you, your home agency and QUT.
- This QUT external placement opportunity is a strategic imperative (Leadership pipeline) within the Queensland public sector 10 year human capital outlook – creating a different workforce future by design.
- For further information in relation to these opportunities, please contact PSC at leaderconnect@psc.qld.gov.au

Interested in applying?

[Register here](#)

Next steps

1. You will be sent an **application form** to submit with your CV and further information. Applications must be received **by 5pm, Friday 1 March 2019**.
2. PSC will ensure applications are complete and eligible (March 2019).
3. QUT project leaders will assess applications and arrange meetings with shortlisted candidates (March/April 2019)
4. Within four weeks of the close of applications, either: the QUT project leader will contact candidates for an informal meeting; or PSC will contact unsuccessful candidates and provide feedback.
5. For successful applicants, PSC will arrange a final meeting with QUT project leaders, participants, agency supervisors, and PSC case managers to finalise negotiations, confirm commencement dates and sign Placement Agreements. (April/May 2019).

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